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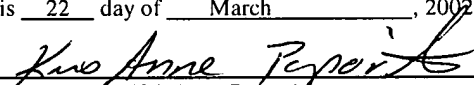
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The following documents are enclosed in connection with the above-referenced patent  
application:


1. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) (1 page);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page); (submitted in duplicate);
3. Copies of three (3) references cited; and
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Dear Sir:


Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b), the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet, submitted in duplicate) are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the identified references are enclosed as necessary. No translation is provided for German Patent No. DE 295 19 982 U1. However, U.S. Patent No. 6,238,421 claims priority from and is a corresponding U.S. patent of German Patent No. DE 295 19 982 U1. The corresponding U.S. patent provides a description, in English, of its subject matter.

This IDS is being filed before the mailing of a first office action on the merits. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, applicant requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,238,421	5-29-2001	Günther et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub-class	Translation
	DE 295 19 982 U1	3-28-1996	Germany			No
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